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APPLICATION**RULE 53(f) NO DECLARATION**Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title: CONNECTION WITH A COMPONENT PRODUCED OF A THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER

without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).4. 10 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. ☐ Specification in non-English language6. 7 Numbered claim(s); and7. ☐ Drawings: sheet(s) ☐ 1 set informal; 8. ☐ formal of size: ☐ A4 ☐ 11"9. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) PCT/NL99/00554	September 7, 1999	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

10. FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in THE NETHERLANDS

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 1010022	September 8, 1998	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
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11. (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date)
in U.S. Application No. / filed on 12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No. 13. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 14 or 15.)14. ☒ **Amend the specification** by inserting before the first line -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part
☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:14(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed -- (M#)14(b) ☒ International Appln. No. PCT/NL99/00554 filed September 7, 1999 which
designated the U.S., and that International Application ☒ was ☐ was not published
under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--15. ☐ **Amend the specification** by inserting before the first line: --This application
claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ , filed --16. Extension to date: ☐ concurrently filed ☐ not needed ☐ previously filed17. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)17(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not essential to make claim)17(b) ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

18. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

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19. ☒ Attached: International Preliminary Examination Report, International Search Report

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):
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